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2. Delay in Organizing the 6 Field Army

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- In March the Central and South China Military Area Command ordered the provinces under its jurisdiction to evacuate all physically fit men inland from the coastal areas.* The evacuation will begin in late March and will be completed by the end of May.** The evacuation from Kwangtung will be effected in three phases, as follows:
 - Three hundred and fifty thousand men will be evacuated from the Jaop'ing (116-48, 23-58), Huiyang (114-26, 23-05), Haifeng (115-20, 22-58), Ch'enghai (116-44, 23-29), Ch'aoan (116-37, 23-42), Swatow, Paoan (113-56, 22-32) and Tungkuan (113-46, 23-02) areas.
 - Two hundred and sixty thousand men will be evacuated from the Chungshan (113-36, 22-22), Nanhai (113-08, 23-02), T'aishan (112-48, 22-15), Hsinhui (113-06, 22-34), Yangchiang (111-53, 21-52), Enp'ing (112-19, 22-12) and Tienpai (113-46, 23-02) areas.
 - On hundred and twenty thousand men will be evacuated from southwest Kwangtung coastal areas.
 - In mid-March, 2,000 "volunteers" completed military training in Canton and left for Nanning, where they were to be equipped and sent to Indochina to fight with Viet Minh troops against the French.
 - Early in 1951, the Military Control Commission branch for the Shat'ouchiao (114-14, 22-32), Shench'uan (114-08, 22-32) and Paoan areas ordered the enlistment of 3,000 men as "volunteers" for Korea. By February, only 1,200 men had enlisted; consequently, YEH Chien-ying ordered that militiamen in

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this area should make up the shortage. In late February many persons fled from the area or joined the guerrillas to avoid joining the army.

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4. In late February, it was the opinion of local Chinese Communists that the plan to organize the 6 Field Army*** in Kwangtung was not feasible because of insufficient manpower, the responsibility of Kwangtung to feed the army and the conflict between YEH Chien-ying and LIN Piao. Although YEH is hesitant, he has not abandoned the plan to organize the 6 Field Army. He has augmented the strength of troops associated with him, including the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, from six to ten regiments to serve as a nucleus for the 6 Field Army.

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported that primary schools, hospitals and the young and aged were ordered inland from some areas along the Fukien coast in late February 1951. 25X1A

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- ** [REDACTED] Comment. This evacuation is a precaution against possible use of these men by the Nationalists.

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- *** [REDACTED] Comment. Plans for the organization of the 6 Field Army were reported in [REDACTED] 25X1A

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